

# HINDU SHOPKEEPER BEHEADED IN UDAIPUR OVER SOCIAL MEDIA POST ON NUPUR SHARMA

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A shopkeeper was murdered in broad daylight in Udaipur on Tuesday, sparking tensions in the city. The shopkeeper, named Kanhaiya Lal, was murdered by two men who chopped his head off and later recorded a video admitting to killing the man over a social media post in support of Nupur Sharma.

The police arrested the two accused in Bheem area of Rajsamand district on Tuesday night. The accused were caught while they were



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trying to flee. The murder followed a post put up by the shopkeeper's eight-year-old son in support of Bharatiya Janata Party leader Nupur Sharma. Nupur Sharma was recently in the news for her controversial statements about Prophet Muhammad.

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## We are okay with corruption

**Editoritis**



*Dr. Vaidehi*

**W**e need to agree, we are all selfish in nature, and we want all the luxury and sophisticated luxuries but also want to wear a mask of modesty! We talk about being liberal and open in thoughts but, when it comes to anyone talking about religion, we suddenly shut those open thoughts and get our brains to stop working. Corruption has a bigger meaning in our lives. It has become our lifecycle and we are so much influenced by it that we have raised it and raised it to an extent that is beyond our control now.

If corruption never existed, you would need to forgo a

lot of your 'bad habits' for example, you would have to eradicate the way you teach your children, while getting admission in the college, the first thing you teach your child is 'donation'. The art of a sophisticated donation, why not straightaway call it bribery? Forgery of a good word is corruption, giving a new meaning to a very pious word. As a blood bank would say "The power of donation", much of it has been seen by the upcoming stars already. We have

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created violence and promoted it. Consider this, what if any man who strives to be your leader and also talks about democracy, teaches you to be away from a certain group of people or be strong as a group of people? I am not talking about being Hindu or Muslim, or point at any of their leaders. It is just a general statement, what if we 'actually' had the courage to live and proclaim as an individual and not as part of any group? It all begins right from the time we narrate our rituals, a major example is, marriage, we want our children to get married to the same caste/religion which we have been following and yet fancy calling ourselves as 'liberal'? Another word is 'secular', it actually sides with the word, liberal. Secular has got many urban variations like sickular, sectular, etc. Secularism is being treated as a 'bad word' by 2 sides of the same coin. It only means, it has someone who indulges into activities which does not have religious, caste or spiritual base. For example, Modi created dams for Gujarat state and developed infrastructure which instructs people of which particular sect should get benefit from it. So that is a secular approach. Building hospitals is a secular approach, building roadways, Facebook, etc. Oh well, Facebook, we all love Facebook, it is secular in nature, it is not biased towards any religion or cancels an account for anyone being of any particular religion. If you are a person who does

not like being secular, in the context that I have just mentioned then, you fairly don't deserve to live anymore with the technology invented by Jew and promoted by a Christian. It would also be unfair for such people to have vada-pav, vada being widely made by Hindu and pav widely manufactured by Muslims, a good combination of both! Moving forward in today's lesson, yet another word is 'extremist', it means someone who holds extreme political bias towards a particular faith that can mould the norms set by people. For example, people who tend to speak for the welfare of the people in their own sector faith. Such people may or may not turn rebellions. However, they are still a hot edged sword. Going forward in the same direction comes the word 'fanatics'.

Fanatics are not crusaders, big difference. Crusader is someone who wants to bring about change or reform in the society which gives a fair justice and tolerance to their sect of people, for example, Thich Quang Duc who committed self-immolation as a sign of protest against the government for prosecuting Buddhists during the Vietnam War. Crusaders do not intend to put down other faiths but just bring social reforms in the norms for treating a particular sect of people. So fanatics are not crusaders, fanatics are harmful, they strive on ego and group thinking, they are cowards who come in herds

and can do anything to be part of that herd. Fanatics are one of those people, who, if you see in your neighbourhood, you should call upon them and buy them some common sense. So over and over, we have covered most of the things which have changed the meaning of a few words in the due course of history.

The problem is, we are selfish by nature, if money comes flying from the sky, we gather to pick it up rather than asking whose money it is or thinking if you really deserve it. We want to be social and be our own herd of society. We want to talk about bringing social reforms and eradicate corruption but then also expect traffic police to leave you when you pay him 100 rs for breaking the traffic signal or expect a ticket checker to give you a reserved seat for a few hundred while others in the waiting list are still suffering their inconvenience. We want corruption, no, we 'need' corruption in our lives, from saving taxes via chartered accountants to getting admission in college, want the government to bring about change but hardly think about changing ourselves, and we want to be in the herd of community yet wish to be recognized as an individual. What is funnier, the way we speak and think or actually the way we live?

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# Voices



## Letter's to the Editor

### Statistics Day and Mahalanobis

Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis born on 29th of June, 1893 is regarded as the father of Indian Statistics. 29th June is been observed as Indian Statistics Day since 2007 in the fond memory of this great statistician and scientist. He passed out from the prestigious King's College, Cambridge in 1915 with a degree in Physics and joined Presidency College, Kolkata as a professor. After his classes he used to keep himself engrossed in Statistical research. During his research he came to understand that planning for a country of India's size is a very arduous task and would also require substantial funds. He then put forwarded a method called sample survey which revolutionised the statistical scenario altogether as sample survey is not only a time and money saving method but also requires less amount of manpower. Sample survey means to take a portion from the sea of data using a sampling method and 100% accuracy can be achieved if the samples are representative of the different strata in population. Areas like Agriculture, Industry, Socio-economic surveys, Price Indices etc. uses sampling method which has bore them desired results without shelling out large amount of money in collecting data.

Mahalanobis was also chosen by the then prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru as a member of the drafting committee of the second five-year plan. It was because of this great statistician's efforts India got its first Statistical Institute in Kolkata in 1931. Mahalanobis was very dear to Rabindranath Tagore. He breathed his last on 28th June 1972 in Kolkata. Today on Statistics Day let us all remember the great statistician and be grateful that he paved the way to a planned India.

- Kusum Kumar Baruah

### Hindu tradition full of chaitanya

Gurupournima is being celebrated on 13th July this year. The day to express gratitude to the Guru is unforgettable for a disciple. On this day, the blessings of the Guru and the knowledge beyond words emitting from Him are a thousand times more than usual. Therefore, seekers and disciples who perform Guruseva (Service unto the Absolute Truth) and sacrifice wealth, benefit from the Guru Principle a thousand times more. Gurupurnima is a unique opportunity for acquiring God's grace. The 'Guru-disciple tradition' is an age old Hindu tradition full of chaitanya. This is a golden opportunity to preserve the Guru-disciple tradition.

- Sagar Shirodkar

### The need of the hour

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), under the national education policy, has brought in changes in many subjects in the curriculum for the academic year 2022-23 from ninth to twelfth standards. Many lessons from books set for these standards have been removed, and detailed information on the changes has been given on the website of CBSE. 'Rise of Islam' lesson has been removed from the history textbook of the eleventh standard and the lesson 'Mughal Empire' has been removed from the twelfth standard textbook. Finally the chapters glorifying Invaders will be removed, these are definitely welcome changes, but there are many forgotten Indian warriors who valiantly fought the invaders in the last 1,200 years of Indian subjugation ! However, except for a few names of these heroes, the rest have been forgotten by us. The need of the hour is to make incremental improvements to educate about the great history of these warriors also.

- Aparna Jagtap

# DEFIBRILLATOR

## What is the need for AEDs in public spaces?



It is estimated that the failure to administer life-saving defibrillation within 4 to 6 minutes of suffering cardiac arrest is a major factor for 95 per cent of sudden cardiac deaths. A person suffering from cardiac arrest except for timely administering of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AEDs, there remains no other way to save the life. It can revive the heart by defibrillation or application of electricity to restore effective cardiac rhythm.

Apart from a few initiatives, India is largely unaware of the need for installing AEDs at strategic locations in public places. The changing health scenario is causing a rethink and up gradation of such standards worldwide, and India needs to learn from the US, the need to make this device readily available. Keeping the trends of public health in mind, the union and state governments need to lay guidelines for installation of AEDs.

Government should make installing AEDs mandatory in railway stations, airports, metro stations, and bus terminals. Security staff and emergency service personnel should be trained to administer first-aid services, including CPR and AEDs. AEDs should be installed in traffic police vehicles and patrolling cars, and such officials should be trained to operate AEDs.

Stitch in time saves nine is true and AEDs serve the purpose of application of electricity to restore effective cardiac rhythm and save life with timely intervention.



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Emergency services in India unfortunately are known to take way more time than they should and therefore, first-aid tools have a crucial role to play for saving lives. With a large population size and densely crowded public spaces, there are strong indicators for the growing incidence of sudden cardiac events in the country.

This makes installation of AEDs in public places important and they should be placed alongside fire-extinguishers or at similar locations. In large buildings, possibly every floor can have an AED, in markets, malls, and public places, they could be placed centrally and at entry and exits. The device may be installed at security guards rooms and surveillance centres as well.

In recent times the incidence of deaths due to sudden cardiac arrests outside home is increasing. Various Indian cities need to install Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public spaces to address this issue. Automated External Defibrillators or AEDs are portable electronic medical devices to detect life-threatening cardiac activity such as irregular heartbeats and pulse less ness. It can revive the heart by defibrillation or application of electricity to restore effective cardiac rhythm.

Cardiac arrest is taking place in a Gym or while he is playing squash in a health club. The doctors feel that a chance to survive happens if only there had been a defibrillator in the gym. It's a small portable

device that saves lives. Timely aid could save many lives and the objective of installing the AED was to empower a common man to do his bit to save a life. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) costing Rs. 1.5 lakh to save the lives of those who suffer from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) was installed at the Airports as part of the project to save a life. The machine was installed at the security check area in the departure areas in the airports across the country. One in 2000 Indians per year dies due to SCA.

Timely aid could save many lives and the objective of installing the AED was to empower a common man to do his bit to save a life. Everyone was aware of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), which is an aid given physically while Ventricular Fibrillation is done using a device. The device would generate an electric shock to the heart muscle to reverse the effects of ventricular fibrillation.

In the absence of a trained medical professional, AED can be used by an ordinary educated person, as it is equipped by simple audio and visual commands. During a cardiac arrest, the heart stops functioning due to problems in the electrical system of the heart, disrupting the pumping action. As a result the blood flow to the brain and other parts of the body stops, within seconds, a person drops down unconscious and has no pulse, and within minutes, a person suffers death.

**City**

**PIL seeks FIR against Uddhav, Aaditya Thackeray and Raut for sedition**

A public interest litigation (PIL) seeking the registration of an FIR against Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, minister Aaditya Thackeray and Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut for sedition and breach of public peace was filed in the Bombay High Court on Tuesday amid a standoff between the MVA government and the rebel Sena MLAs.

The petition, filed by Pune-based social worker Hemant Patil, requested the HC to restrain the trio from making any further statements against Eknath Shinde, who is leading



the dissident MLAs. The petition claimed that pursuant to the rebellion by several MLAs of Shiv Sena led by Eknath Shinde, protests have been held at various districts in Maharashtra and verbal attacks have been made against them.

"The Shiv Sena MLAs, who are rebelling, are camped in Assam because of the threats given by respondents 5 to 7 (Uddhav Thackeray, Aaditya Thackeray and Sanjay Raut).

Respondent No. 7 (Raut) has given a threat to all of the 40 MLAs stating that their bodies will come from Assam and will be sent directly to the morgue for postmortem. In this way all of them are creating the situation of riot and violence in the State of Maharashtra," it said.

The PIL will come up for hearing in due course of time.

- PTI

**ED issues fresh summons to Sanjay Raut for Jul 1**

The ED has issued fresh summons to Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut asking him to appear on July 1 for his questioning in a money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the re-development of a Mumbai 'chawl' and related financial property transactions involving his wife and alleged associates, officials said Tuesday.



The Rajya Sabha member was issued the first summons for Tuesday but he sought more time citing official commitments and a meeting he was supposed to attend at Alibaug in Raigad district of the state.

His lawyers met Enforcement Directorate officials in Mumbai on Tuesday and sought about two-weeks time for his appearance but the agency gave him relief only till this month-end.

"The ED summons was served late Monday afternoon, so we made an application to seek time because the ED has demanded a few documents," Raut's lawyer told reporters after meeting agency officials at their regional office in south Mumbai's Ballard Estate area.

The agency wants to question the 60-year-old Raut and record

his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The development comes as the Shiv Sena battles rebellion from a group of its MLAs, putting a question mark on the future of Maharashtra's Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government. Rebel Shiv Sena legislators, who were first taken to Surat, are now camping in Guwahati.

Raut held a press conference in the morning and said he "will go" to the ED the moment he got free. "I am a lawmaker. I know the law. Even if the law implementing agencies are working in the wrong way, I am a law-abiding person," he said.

The ED probe, conducted so far, found that "around Rs 100 crore were transferred from HDIL to the account of Pravin Raut".

- PTI

**BMC appeals use clasy for idols**

BMC has appealed Mumbaikars not to buy or sell idols made of plaster of Paris (POP) for now onwards for Ganesh Utsav.

The civic body has said immersion of PoP idols causes serious pollution in water bodies and said devotees should bring home idols made of Shadu clay instead.

It has also requested that Ganesha idols brought to homes be less than two feet tall so they easily dissolve.

Shadu clay is natural superfine sedimentary clay. It is water-soluble, non-harmful, non-toxic, and easy to work with.

Thousands of devotees across Maharashtra, including Mumbai, attend idol immersions every year.

- PTI

**NIA court denies default bail to five accused**



A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court here on Tuesday rejected the default bail plea of academician Shoma Sen and four other accused in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case.

Special NIA judge Rajesh J Katariya denied default bail to professor Shoma Sen, Sudhir Dawale, activist Rona Wilson, advocate Surendra Gadling and Mahesh Raut.

The accused had originally filed the application for default bail in 2018 at a sessions court in Pune when the case was

being probed by the police.

The accused, in their plea, had claimed that the 90-days extension granted by the sessions court for filing of chargesheet in the case was "illegal", and hence, they were entitled for default bail under provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

The case relates to alleged inflammatory speeches delivered at the Elgar Parishad conclave held at Shaniwarwada in Pune on December 31, 2017, which the police claimed triggered violence the next day near the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial located on the city's outskirts.

The Pune police had claimed the conclave was backed by Maoists.

The probe in the case, in which more than a dozen activists and academicians have been named as accused, was later transferred to the NIA.

- PTI

**Death toll rises to 17, rescue operations underway for Kurla Building Collapse**



At least 17 people lost their lives after a four-storey building in Mumbai's Kurla collapsed on Monday night, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) informed on Tuesday.

Earlier, rebel Shiv Sena MLA Mangesh Kudalkar expressed his grief over the loss of lives in the incident and announced that the family of the deceased will be given Rs 5 lakh each while the injured will get one lakh.

"Rs 5 lakhs to the kin of those who lost their lives in the Mumbai accident, along with Rs 1 lakh to the injured," Kudalkar said in a tweet. The four-storeyed building collapsed in Mumbai's Kurla late on Monday night. The incident took place in the Naik Nagar area. Meanwhile, Shiv

Sena MLA Sanjay Potnis said, "In 2016, the building was listed under the C1 category. Later, following an audit, it was reclassified under C2. It should have been repaired, but it wasn't. I, however, don't think there has been negligence on part of BMC."

Earlier, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Additional Commissioner Ashwini Bhide said the collapsed building was dilapidated, since 2013, notices had been first given for its repair, and then for its demolition. On Monday night, Minister Aaditya Thackeray visited Kurla where the building collapsed and said that such property should be vacated on the notice of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). "Whenever BMC issues notices, (buildings) should be vacated themselves...otherwise, such incidents happen, which is unfortunate...It's now important to take action on this," Thackeray said.

- ANI



**Lack of BMC preparation for monsoon resulting water logging. Broken road, no garbage management, lack of public safety.**

# Nation

## IIT Guwahati researchers develop technique to mitigate acid mine drainage in coal

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati researchers have carried out a study of coal mines on the 'bioremediation' of Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) in Constructed Wetlands. This is the first study to demonstrate the bioremediation of AMD from the Northeastern Coalfields (NEC) using Constructed Wetlands.

IIT Guwahati in a statement said that Acid Mine Drainage refers to the acidic wastewater generated from coal mines (or any polymetallic mines) containing high amounts of sulfate, iron and various toxic heavy metals. "This research provides an efficient sustainable treatment approach to mitigate AMD pollution while addressing the long-term

operational sustainability issues encountered in Constructed Wetlands receiving AMD. Furthermore, a biochemical mechanism has been developed to understand the functioning of different fundamental processes that co-occur in Constructed Wetlands" IIT Guwahati added.

Speaking about this Research, Shweta Singh, Research Scholar, IIT Guwahati, said, "The generation of AMD is a perpetual environmental issue from the NEC and to address this concern, we investigated the potential bioremediation approach using nature-based technology - CWs and obtained some very promising results which can be further implemented at field-scale applications by coal mining

industries."

In this study, the use of a simple and low cost easily

available carbon source (lactate) is used for remediation of AMD wastewater. In the CW, sulphate-reducing bacteria (SRB) had grown using organics like lactate and reduced sulphate to sulphide. This biochemical process consumed proton and wastewater pH increased to 6-6.5. Iron and other soluble metals precipitated as metal sulphide, and metal hydroxide in the CW. The present research work provides a better experimental explanation for a sustainable long-term treatment approach to mitigate AMD pollution using simpler organic carbon sources in Cws.

- ANI

## Union Health Secy to chair meeting with states on COVID-19 situation



Image Courtesy : ANI

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan will chair a meeting with states on the COVID-19 situation and vaccination, through video conference, informed sources on Tuesday. Last week on June 23, Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed the COVID and vaccination situation in the country. The Union Minister chaired a meeting with key experts and officials. In a high-level meeting, Mandaviya advised strictly to monitor the Covid situation in the country focusing on vaccination of the elderly population, school-going children and surveillance and genome sequencing. India has been witnessing a high number of COVID-19 cases over the last couple of weeks. States like Maharashtra, Kerala,

Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Haryana, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Gujarat are reporting more than 1,000 cases daily

He exhorted to increase the pace of vaccination including booster doses in districts reporting high cases. "As there are adequate vaccine doses available, let there be no vaccine wastage while focusing on accelerating vaccination among the eligible and vulnerable groups," he directed. The meeting was attended by Dr VK Paul, Member Health NITI Aayog, AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria, ICMR Director-General Dr Balram Bhargava, Dr N K Arora, Chairman COVID working group, National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI), NCDC director Sujeet Singh and Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan. Meanwhile, India recorded 11,793 new coronavirus infections were reported in the last 24 hours, the country's tally to 4,34,18,839. With this the active cases rose to 96,700.

- ANI

## Delhi Police seeks 4-day remand of Mohd Zubair

The Delhi Police on Tuesday sought an extension of Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair's custodial interrogation by five more days who was arrested in connection with an "objectionable" tweet. While seeking remand of Zubair, the Delhi Police lawyer said, "We have arrested him as he was not cooperating during the investigation.

When he joined the probe, all applications were deleted from the mobile phone. He came with a blank phone." Delhi Police submitted that "We have to recover laptops and other concerned electronic gadgets from which it was posted. So there is a required police remand of him."

- ANI

## Two students fall off Jalandhar hostel building during fight



A birthday party turned fatal in Jalandhar after two students fell off the second floor of their hostel building following a scuffle. While one died on the spot, the other is undergoing treatment. According to police, a fight between the two had allegedly broken out over some money.

Speaking to ANI, ADCP Jaskiranjit S Teja said, "Two

students fell from the second floor after a scuffle broke out between students during a birthday party over the contribution of money. While one died, the second is being treated. A case has been registered under IPC section 304 against the boy admitted in the hospital.

Both the students hailed from Bihar according to DSW Sanjeev Naval of the DAV Institute of Engineering and Tech, where the two boys were stay. A case was registered under IPC section 304 against the hospitalised boy. As per reports, the incident took place on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday when an argument broke out between the two students.

- ANI

## Adani Ports moves SC challenging tender bid disqualification

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (Adani Ports) on Tuesday approached the Supreme Court challenging the disqualification of its bid in connection with the tender issued for upgradation of the container terminal in Navi Mumbai by the Board of Trustees of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA). Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi appearing for Adani Ports mentioned the matter for urgent hearing before a

vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala.

The bench, however, said that the procedure during vacation for seeking urgent listing is to mention it before the Registry and asked Singhvi to mention it before the Registry or vacation officer. Justice Surya Kant said yesterday an exception was made by the bench by directing the listing of a matter today, and despite that, the Registry did not list the case. "We made an exception yesterday, passed an order to list a matter but the



Registry did not list the matter. We don't want to say more," said Justice Surya Kant.

The bench asked the counsel to mention the matter before the Registry. It has challenged a May 2, 2022 disqualification of its bid for upgradation of container terminal in Navi Mumbai.

- ANI

## Delhi Police to seek more remand time of Mohammed Zubair

The Delhi Police on Tuesday said AltNews co-founder Mohammed Zubair had intentionally formatted his phone and also refused to cooperate with authorities in the investigation against him in connection with an "objectionable" tweet, providing grounds for his arrest. Zubair was arrested on Monday for allegedly hurting the religious sentiments of a particular community in a Twitter post he had written in 2018 "Mohd Zubair's objectionable tweet led to a Twitter storm with hate speeches, detrimental to communal harmony. Two things including technical gadget and intention was important. He was evasive on both, the phone was formatted. This formed grounds for his arrest," said KPS Malhotra, DCP IFSO. The official said that Delhi Police will seek more remand time to question him. The police official further refuted reports that Zubair's arrest was "politically motivated."

"If someone is booked in several cases it's our right to

question him in all. Judiciary is involved, custody given, bail not granted, there must be some substance to case. Calling it politically motivated doesn't stand right. We'll ask for more remand," said KPS Malhotra, DCP IFSO (Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Operations) unit of the Delhi Police.

Zubair was arrested and sent to one day of police custody after a First Information Report (FIR) was registered against him based on a Twitter posting, which another Twitter handle alleged "hurt Hindu sentiments." Delhi Police said that Zubair was evasive during questioning and did not cooperate in the investigation. "He was evasive on the questions and neither provided the necessary technical equipment for the purpose of the investigation nor cooperated in the investigation," said Delhi Police senior officials. The officials also mentioned that the conduct of Zubair was found questionable, which warranted his custodial interrogation to unravel conspiracy in this matter.

- ANI

## Opinion

# The more faith you have in God, the less pain you shall feel while pulling the Rath



**R**athYatra or chariot festival is celebrated in honour of Lord Jagannath who is one of the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu in Hindu mythology. RathYatra is a symbol of unity, brotherhood, and peace. This is one of the most important festivals celebrated across India. Every year the Rath Yatra is celebrated on the day of Shukla Paksha Dwitiya of the month of Ashadha in the Hindu calendar. This traditional rath yatra is the center of attraction not only in India but also for foreign devotees. It signifies a journey through life with family members. The emergence of the god from the temple is a symbol of his presence among ordinary men on earth. Thousands of devotees travel from all over the country to participate in this yatra and get good fortune by pulling the Lord's chariot. It is stated that anyone who takes part in the RathYatra would be blessed with pleasure and riches.

Ratha means 'chariot' and yatra means 'procession'. Up to 1400 carpenters build the three chariots each year for Rathayatra. It's believed the festival receives rainfall every year on the day it takes place. The English word 'juggernaut' is derived from Jagannath. The rites associated with the journey of Jagannath and his two companions from the great temple and their return nine days later has been recalled. Prajnanananda Paramahansa says "He is the eye of all eyes, the nose of all noses, the ear of all ears. – He is the Lord of ever changing of the universe or jagat, is Jagannath."

Jagannath Puri temple is called 'Yamanika Tirtha' where, according to the Hindu beliefs, the power of 'Yama', the god of death has been nullified in Puri due to the presence of Lord Jagannath. The faith and belief

attached to Puri's rath yatra has come a long way and now many Indian cities and even countries like The UK, Dubai and Singapore observe their own versions of Rath Yatra. The festival of RathYatra commemorates and celebrates the annual journey of Lord Jagannath with his brother Balabhadra and his sister Subhadra, as he travels from his sacred temple located in Puri to visit his aunt's temple located in Gundicha. The Puri RathYatra is world famous and attracts more than one million pilgrims every year, not only from India but also from the different parts of the world.

Lord Jagannath is a form of Lord Krishna, the complete avatar of Lord Vishnu. In the city of Puri in the state of Odisha, Lord Jagannath visits his sister Subhadra and brother Balarama. Every year the wooden temples like chariots are constructed newly.

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The idols of these three deities are also made of wood and they are religiously replaced by new ones in every 12 years.

The name of this city is derived from Jagannath Puri to Puri. Every year the festival of Lord Jagannath Puri

Rath Yatra is celebrated with great pomp and show. Lord Jagannath Puri Dham is counted in the Char Dham of Hinduism. According to Hindu belief, Lord Vishnu dines in Puri, bathes in Rameswaram, sleeps in Dwarka and meditates in Badrinath. Char DhamYatra is considered incomplete without a visit to Lord Jagannath in Puri. Legend says it always rains on the day of the procession. For a whole week before, the temple doors are shut and no one is allowed inside, because it is believed that the sibling deities have a fever after bathing in the sun with

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108 pitchers of water. The breaking of their fever calls for a change of scene, which is why they go to their aunt's home for a few days.

One thing is interesting is that the chariot that is pulled on the occasion of

RathYatra is made of a type of Neem tree wood. It is however later dismantled and used as firewood in the temple kitchen. The temple offers prasad to the Lord, which is then distributed among devotees. Interestingly this Rathayatra is also seen as the journey of life undertaken to achieve Moksha.



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# Tech

## Meta launches Instagram Reels APIs for developers



Reels APIs will be made available to a number of endpoints on the Instagram Platform for developers, according to a statement from Meta.

According to TechCrunch, the firm claims that after learning that Reels is a top priority from its developer community, it is providing the new Reels APIs. Reels' assistance from Meta is now also available for posting content, insights, comment moderation, hashtag search, company discovery, mentions, and more.

The APIs will allow developers to schedule Reels and obtain Reels' social engagement stats.

Using the new APIs, developers can publish Reels on Instagram Business accounts. Developers will also be able to respond to comments, delete them, hide or reveal them, and allow or deactivate comments on Reels using the APIs.

Developers will also be able to locate publicly accessible Reels that have been marked with specific hashtags.

The Instagram Graph API, which enables developers to connect their apps to Instagram's features and functionalities, will be available for both the current version and all previous versions.

Reels will reportedly become automatically accessible for developers who already have access to the relevant APIs, according to Meta. If an app's permission access levels have already been authorised, developers won't need to submit it for another round of App Review.

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## Facebook app for Smart TVs may no longer be available on Apple TV

The Facebook app for smart TVs, which allows users to tune into various videos, shows and live streams on the platform, may no longer be available on Apple TV, as first reported by 9to5Mac.

Meanwhile, some users report that they can no longer access the app after its latest update. In a thread on MacRumors, one user shares an image of the notice they received after attempting to open Facebook Watch on their Apple TV 4K: "The Facebook Watch TV app is no longer available, but you can still find lots of videos on Facebook at www.facebook.com/watch."

Several other users report having the same experience, as per The Verge. Facebook launched its Watch app on Apple TV in 2017 after first launching on Samsung Smart TVs.

The app is also available on several other smart TVs and consoles, as well as Facebook's mobile app and desktop site.

## Oppo Reno8 series to arrive in India on July 18

Oppo introduced the Reno8 series back in May, but the market for the three smartphones including Oppo Reno8 Pro+, Oppo Reno8 Pro and Oppo Reno8 is currently limited to China. The entire lineup will make its premiere abroad on July 18 when it arrives in India.



According to GSM Arena, three Oppo Reno8 phones will be available in the Asian-Pacific nation; it is logical to presume that these are the vanilla, Pro, and Pro+ models. Since COVID instances have been increasing recently, it is anticipated that

the launch would only be available online to avoid any organisational issues. If the phones are identical, which isn't always a given, we'll see an Oppo Reno8 with a Dimensity 1300 and a 6.43" AMOLED screen with a 90 Hz refresh rate; the Oppo Reno8 Pro, which will be the first smartphone to use the Snapdragon 7 Gen 1 chipset; and the Oppo Reno8 Pro+, which has a 50 MP camera and MariSilicon X NPU for better photos, as reported by GSM Arena.

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## Vivo 50W Wireless Flash Charger test



The "charging wars" for smartphones are mostly waged on the wired front, where some companies have already passed the 100W threshold, allowing you to fully

charge your phone from zero to one hundred per cent in about or even less than 20 minutes.

According to GSM Arena, one such device is the 50W wireless charging capable Vivo

X80 Pro, which we just evaluated. The main drawback is that a specialised wireless charging stand is required. One such charger, the 50W Wireless Flash Charger from Vivo, was just delivered to our office, and we are now prepared to report on what it is capable of.

The Vivo X80 Pro has a dual-cell battery with two charge pumps, an industry-standard design found in today's majority of new flagship phones, to achieve lightning-fast charging times.

The X80 Pro completed our in-house battery endurance test after only 79 hours with its 4,700mAh total capacity of battery cells.

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## OnePlus confirms arrival of Nord 2T in India

The OnePlus Nord 2T is sold in Continental Europe and the United Kingdom, but, so far, the smartphone has been missing from the key market of India. This decision by the company is finally being righted as OnePlus has now confirmed that the Nord 2T will also be arriving in India, very soon.

OnePlus set up a landing page on its own website and at Amazon in preparation for the arrival that is 'coming soon', as per GSM Arena.

The Nord 2T is set to arrive in its full capacity - 80W fast-charging, 50 megapixels camera with Sony

IMX766 sensor, and OxygenOS 12.1 out of the box. It is also the first and only smartphone in the market with Dimensity 1300 chipset.

Apparently, OnePlus is selling it for 399/369 euros. No release date or price has been announced yet, but rumours suggest it to be June 27.

However, this might be the start of the campaign and not the actual day of the announcement.

There are speculations over the exact price of the Nord 2T. However, some rumours suggest the price to be INR 28,999, which would be more than 10 per cent cheaper than the European cost.

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## Samsung Galaxy A23 5G with Snapdragon 695 spotted at Geekbench

The Snapdragon 680-based Samsung Galaxy A23, a 4G phone, was introduced in March.

The first hints of a 5G model started to emerge a few months later, and now the phone has been discovered on Geekbench.

According to GSM Arena, the Snapdragon 695, an improved version of the SD 690 chip with

mmWave 5G capability, 15 per cent faster CPU performance, and 30 per cent faster GPU, powers the Galaxy A23 5G. If included in the real device, the mmWave connectivity will probably only be available in the US.

As per the Geekbench scores, the phone has 4GB of RAM and ran Android 12 (with One UI 4 on top). Given that the 6GB and



8GB RAM versions of its 4G sister are also available, the 5G model ought to provide more combinations.

Although the Galaxy A23 5G has been depicted in 3D, there are no glaring deviations. It will sport a 6.55" display, albeit the type of panel is unknown based on measurements. The 4G phone features an 8MP selfie camera in addition to a quad

camera on the back (50MP main, 5MP ultra-wide, 2MP macro, and 2MP depth) and a 6.6" 90Hz LCD (FHD+) display. Fast charging at 25W is supported by the 5,000mAh battery, as reported by GSM Arena. Minor or all of these specifications will carry over to the 5G version, maybe with some enhancements.

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# Entertainment

## 'Don't want to be available for Rs 299,' says John Abraham

**A**ctor John Abraham, who is busy promoting his upcoming thriller, 'Ek Villain Returns,' recently opened up about his preference as an actor for the big screen, rather than OTT platforms. "I would not like to be available for Rs 299 or Rs 499," the actor was cited as saying. According to Mashable, the 'Satyamev Jayate' actor in the interview shared his thoughts about the growing OTT platforms and that, he "loved" the OTT space only as a producer and not as an actor.

"I am a big-screen hero and that is where I want to be seen. At this point, I will do films that cater to the big screen. I would find it offensive if someone shut off my film midway on a tablet because they needed to rush to the washroom.

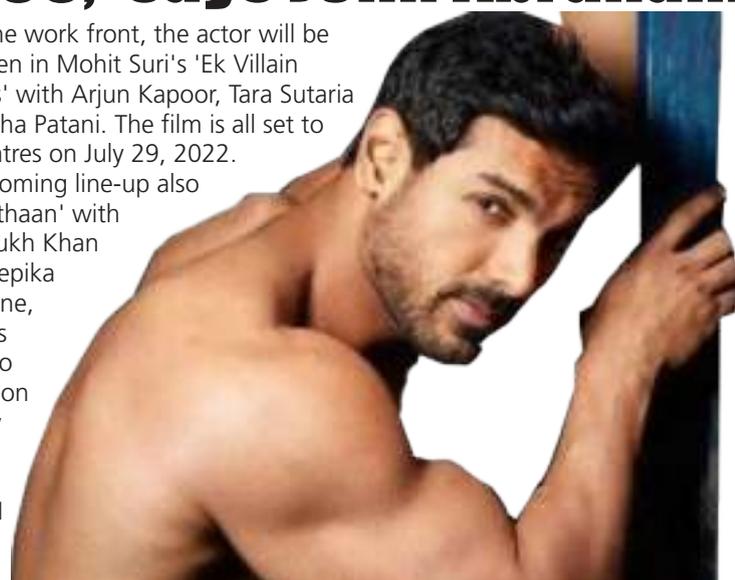
Also, I would not like to be available for Rs299 or 499. I have a problem with it," the actor said. The OTT space has been growing at a fast pace over the past few years and many big Bollywood names like Shahid Kapoor, Akshay Kumar and Sidharth Malhotra among others are all geared up to mark their OTT debut very soon. However, the 'Batla House' actor doesn't seem much interested to work in a digital project even though his last film 'Attack Part One' was released on digital platforms after its theatrical release.

Meanwhile, John Abraham faced some ribbing from netizens for his statement on OTT platforms. "I will go to John Abraham's next movie in the theatre and walk out to pee when he inevitably takes his shirt off" a user tweeted.

On the work front, the actor will be next seen in Mohit Suri's 'Ek Villain Returns' with Arjun Kapoor, Tara Sutaria and Disha Patani. The film is all set to hit theatres on July 29, 2022.

His upcoming line-up also has 'Pathaan' with Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone, which is slated to release on January 25, 2023.

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### Oscar-nominated French actor Isabelle Adjani under investigation



**O**scar-nominated French actress Isabelle Adjani, best known for 'Camille Claudel' and 'The Story of Adele H.', is formally being investigated for alleged fraud involving hundreds of thousands of dollars in business expenses since October 2020, as confirmed by a court source on Monday. The investigation stems from a police complaint filed by a former business associate, Sebastien G., in 2015, according to the French national newspaper 'Liberation' which was the first to report the story, as per Variety.

According to the story published in Liberation, the case dates back to 2011 when Adjani hired Sebastien G. as a strategy consultant to help her run her production company, Isia Films. According to the French report, Sebastien G. received a line of credit for Adjani, as well as an American Express card, which he loaded with 364,000 euros (USD 385,400) over a 13-month period

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### Katrina, Ishaan and Siddhant starrer Phone Bhoot first poster unveiled

**R**itesh Sidhwani & Farhan Akhtar's Excel Entertainment has announced the release date of their upcoming horror-comedy Phone Bhoot, starring Katrina Kaif, Siddhant Chaturvedi, and Ishaan Khattar in lead roles. The film arrives in theatres on October 7, 2022.

Along with the release date, Farhan Akhtar unveiled the first poster of the film. He wrote, "#PhoneBhoot ki duniya mein aapka swagat hai. Arriving on 7th Oct, 2022 at cinemas near you."

Directed by Gurmmeet Singh and written by Ravi Shankaran and Jasvinder Singh Bath, Phone Bhoot is produced by Excel Entertainment, headed by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar.

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A lovely moment was recently captured when Allu Arjun was clicked with one of the greatest in Indian sports, PV Sindhu, at the engagement ceremony of the son of Industrialist Nimmagadda Prasad. PV Sindhu took to social media to share the image and fans have been flooding the comments section with a lot of loving remarks.

## Nayanthara joins Shah Rukh Khan on new schedule of Jawan



**E**arlier in June 2022, Red Chillies Entertainment announced Jawan, a massive action entertainer, starring the megastar Shah Rukh Khan and helmed by director Atlee Kumar. The actor had also shared the first teaser and poster of the film which created quite an uproar amongst fans. The film stars Nayanthara in the lead role opposite SRK and will likely have a cameo from Deepika Padukone.

Now, Nayanthara has joined Shah Rukh Khan on the new schedule of Jawan after returning from her honeymoon with Vignesh Shivan. The schedule will be till mid-July. The actress had taken a break for her wedding and now is back to work to

fulfill her work commitments.

Recently, while talking about Pathaan on his Instagram live, Shah Rukh Khan said, "Too early to say. There is still a long way to go. There is not much I can tell you about Jawan except the fact that I am having a great time as an actor. And Atlee, the director, it is a different kind of film. Everybody has seen his work. He makes outstanding mass-oriented films, again a genre I have never done. So, I wanted to try my hands on it. And I think me and Atlee have good chemistry. I bring in some (to the film), and he brings in some. Whatever we have done of Jawan is thrilling and exciting."

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